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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	10/776,430
Filing Date	February 11, 2004
First Named Inventor	Chris Togami
Art Unit	2833
Examiner Name	Brigitte R. Hammond
Attorney Docket Number	15436.12.2.1

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 11/04/2005 DTESSE1 00000043 10776430
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 04 FC:1801 790.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
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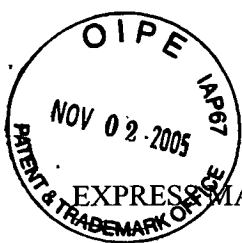
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PATENT APPLICATION  
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In re application of:		)
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**RCE AND 'SUBMISSION' PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

In the interest of advancing the prosecution of this case, Applicant has submitted herewith a Request for Continued Examination, and a Submission pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114, namely, an Amendment responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 2, 2005 (the "Office Action"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

***Amendments to the Claims*** begins on page 2 of this paper; and

***Remarks*** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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